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State Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program

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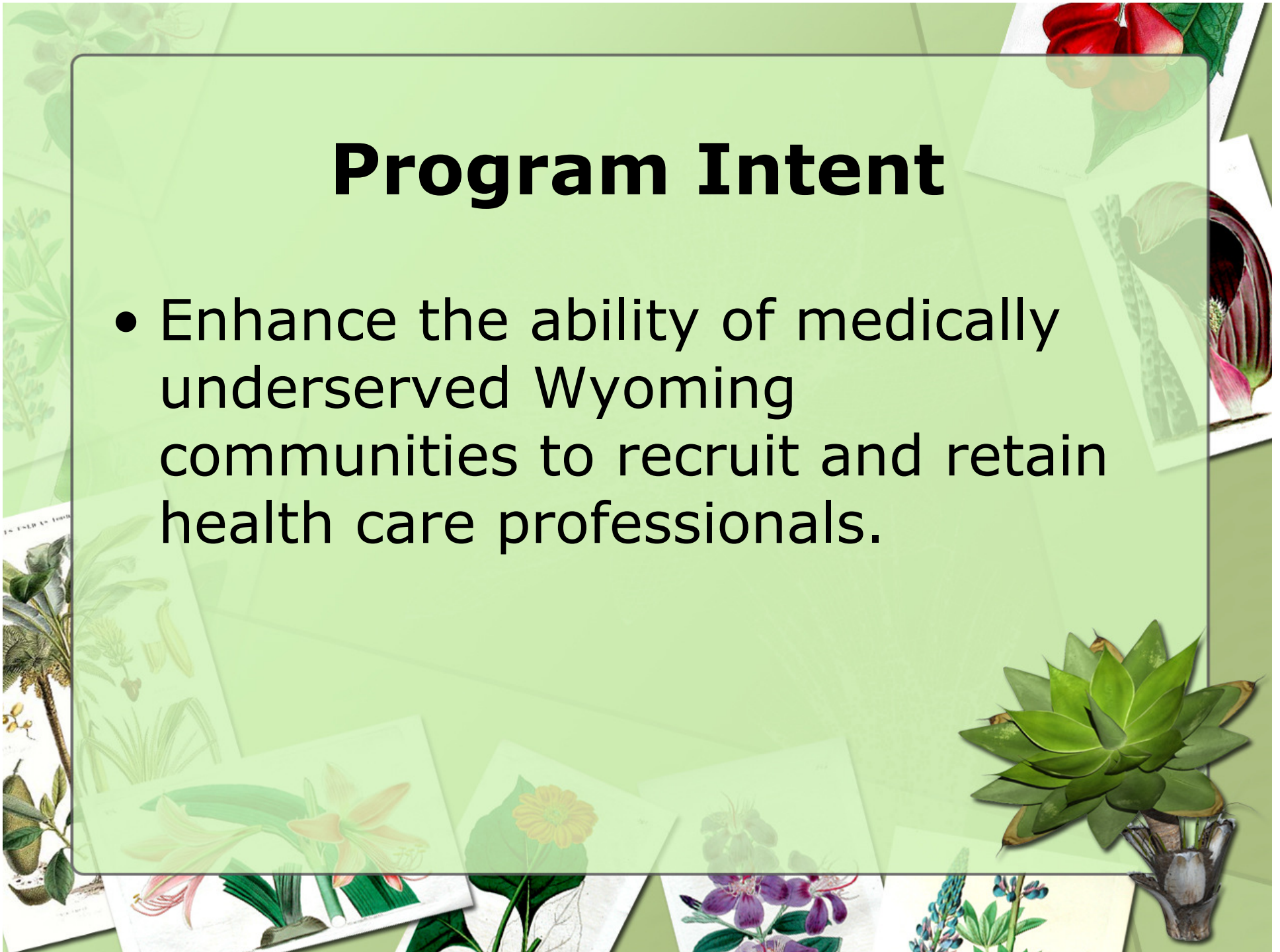
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Program Intent

- Enhance the ability of medically underserved Wyoming communities to recruit and retain health care professionals.



Program History

- Established by Wyoming Statutes:
- 9-2-118 for Physicians & Dentists
- 9-2-119 for Allied Health Care Professionals
- Funded by 2004 State Legislature for \$990,000

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- Re-authorized by 2006 Budget Session, WY State Legislature
- Sen. Enrolled Act 0025
- \$3 Million - Physicians & Dentists
- \$2 Million - Allied Health Professionals

Eligible Professionals

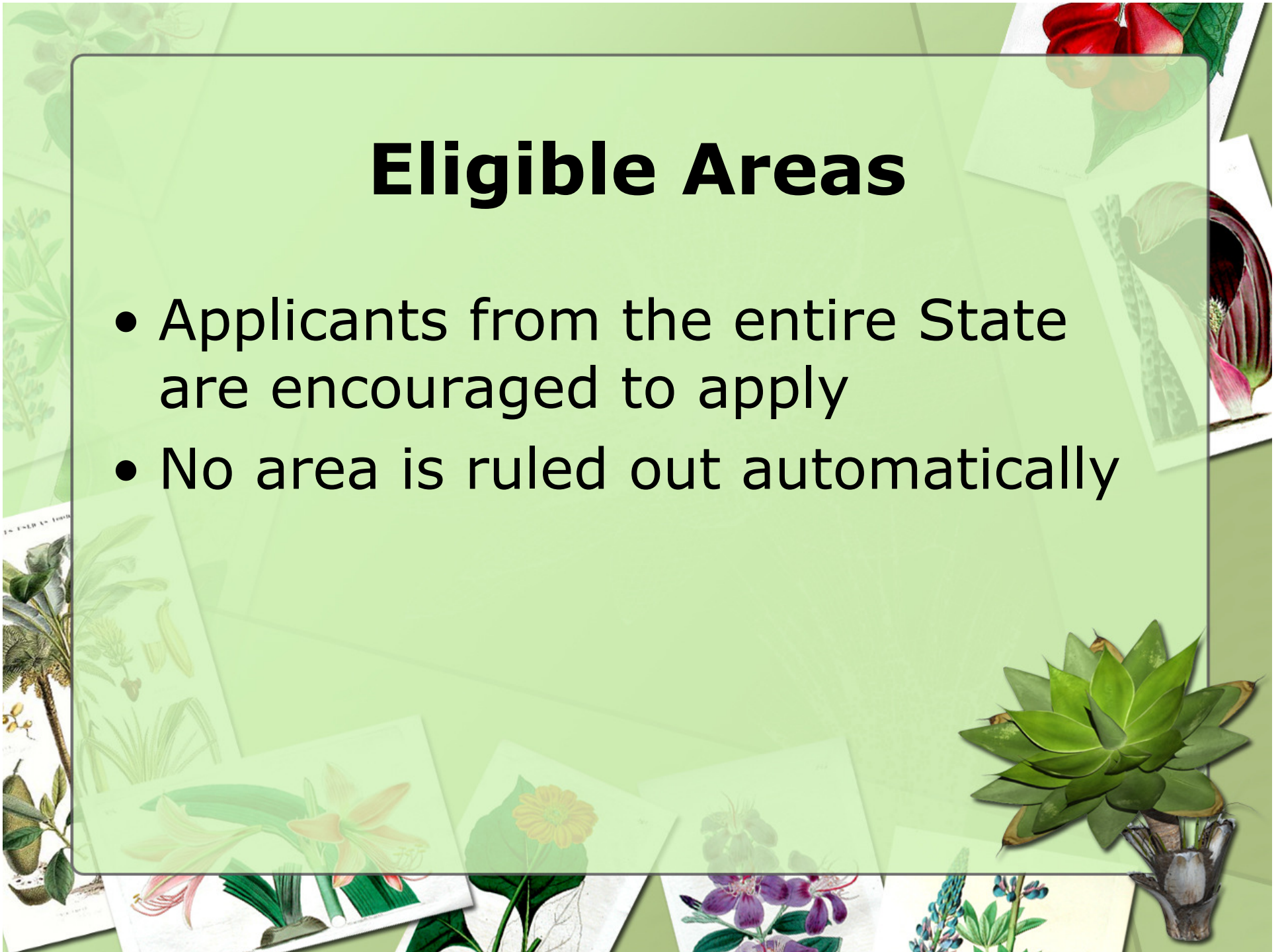
- Physicians licensed under Wyoming Statutes, Title 33, Chapter 26.
- Dentists licensed under Wyoming Statutes, Title 33, Chapter 15.
- Allied Health Care Providers licensed under Wyoming Statutes, Title 33.

Allied Health Professions

- Ch. 9 – Podiatrists
- Ch. 10 – Chiropractors
- Ch. 15 – Dental Hygienists
- Ch. 21 – Nurses
- Ch. 23 – Optometrists
- Ch. 24 – Pharmacists and Pharmacy techs
- Ch. 25 – Physical Therapists
- Ch. 27 – Psychologists
- Ch. 33 – Speech Pathologists and Audiologists
- Ch. 37 – Radiologic Technologists
- Ch. 38 – Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, and Chemical Dependency Specialists
- Ch. 43 – Respiratory Care Practitioners

Eligible Areas

- Applicants from the entire State are encouraged to apply
- No area is ruled out automatically



The Basic Agreement

- **What Awardees Get:**
 - Educational Loan Repayment of:
 - Up to \$30,000 per year for three years for physicians and dentists.
 - Up to \$10,000 per year for three years for allied health care providers

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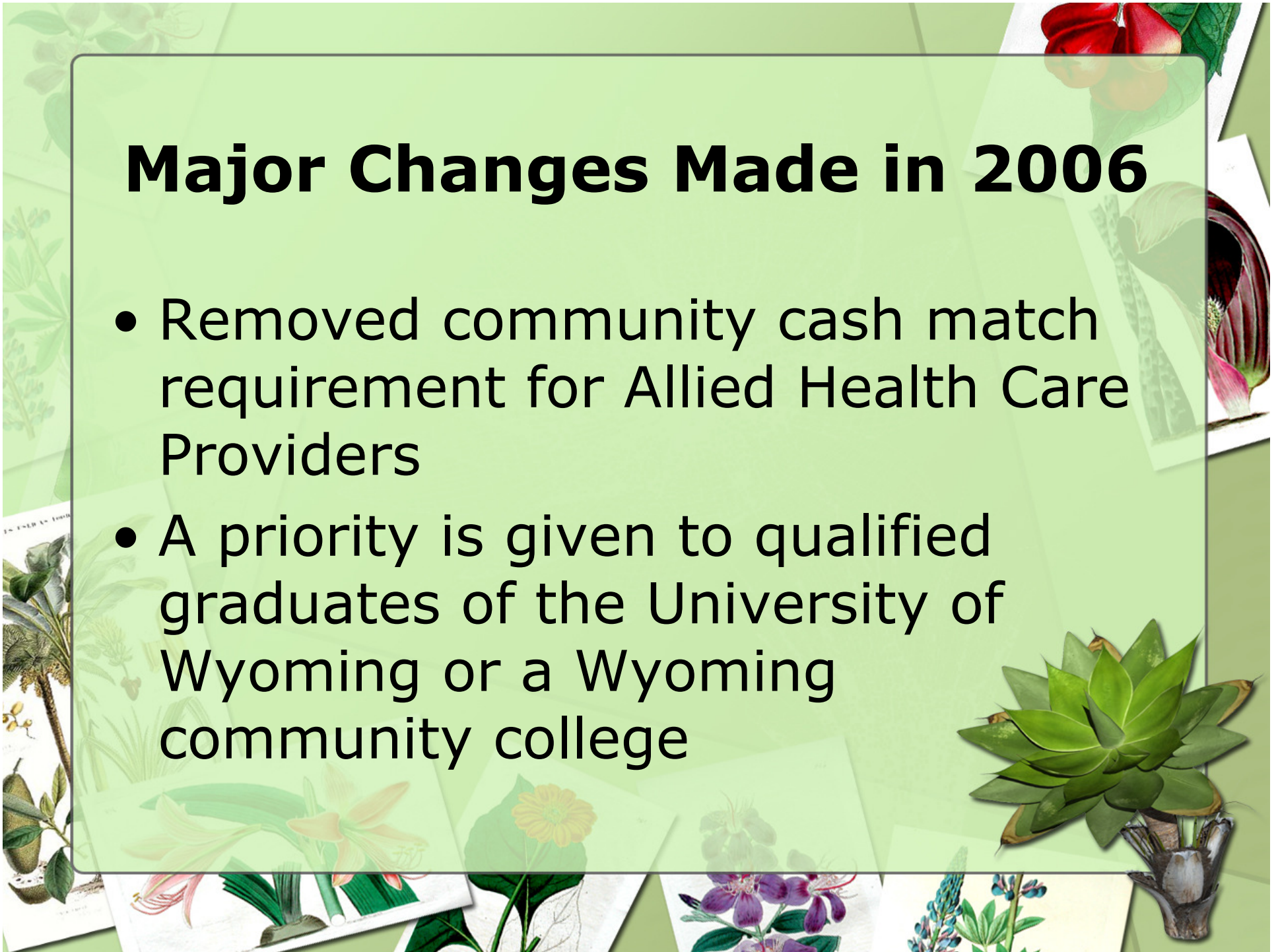
- **What Wyoming Gets:**
 - Applicants who agree to:
 - practice their profession in a medically under-served area of Wyoming for at least three years;
 - accept Medicare, Medicaid and KidCare.
 - A local community or site of employment that contributes 25% of an applicant's award amount (Physicians & Dentists)

Eligible Educational Loans

- Bona fide loans taken by a health care provider for educational expenses incurred while pursuing an education at an institution that awards a degree that qualifies a health care provider to practice in his field:
 - (i) a commercial loan made by a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, insurance company, school, or credit institution; or
 - (ii) a governmental loan made by a federal, state, county, or city agency.

Major Changes Made in 2006

- Removed community cash match requirement for Allied Health Care Providers
- A priority is given to qualified graduates of the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college



Other Requirements

- Can't be in default on the loans
- Must disclose other loan repayment
- Must be licensed or certified before agreement takes effect
- Must work full time
- Contract w/ State



Other Requirements

- Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- The earliest an applicant may apply is within one year of anticipated date of licensure or certification.

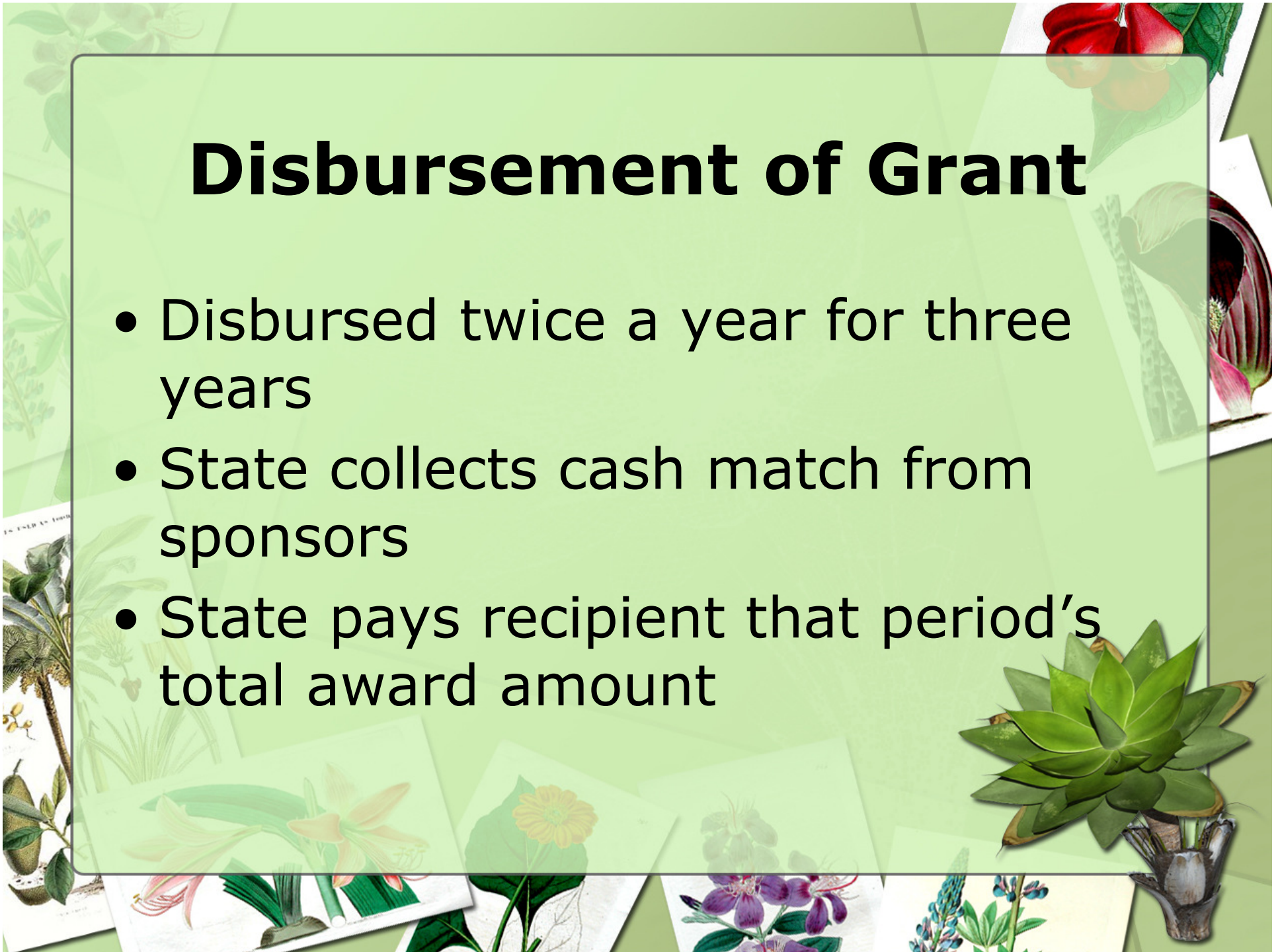


Other Requirements – Cash Match

- For Physicians & Dentists:
- 25% cash match of the grant amount
- "...from any combination of county, city, school district, health care facility, health care association or other local funding."

Disbursement of Grant

- Disbursed twice a year for three years
- State collects cash match from sponsors
- State pays recipient that period's total award amount



Reporting Requirements

- After each payment – verification that loan balances have reduced by amount paid, over the course of that period of service
- Annually – verification of licensure, full time service, and acceptance of Medicaid, Medicare, or KidCare

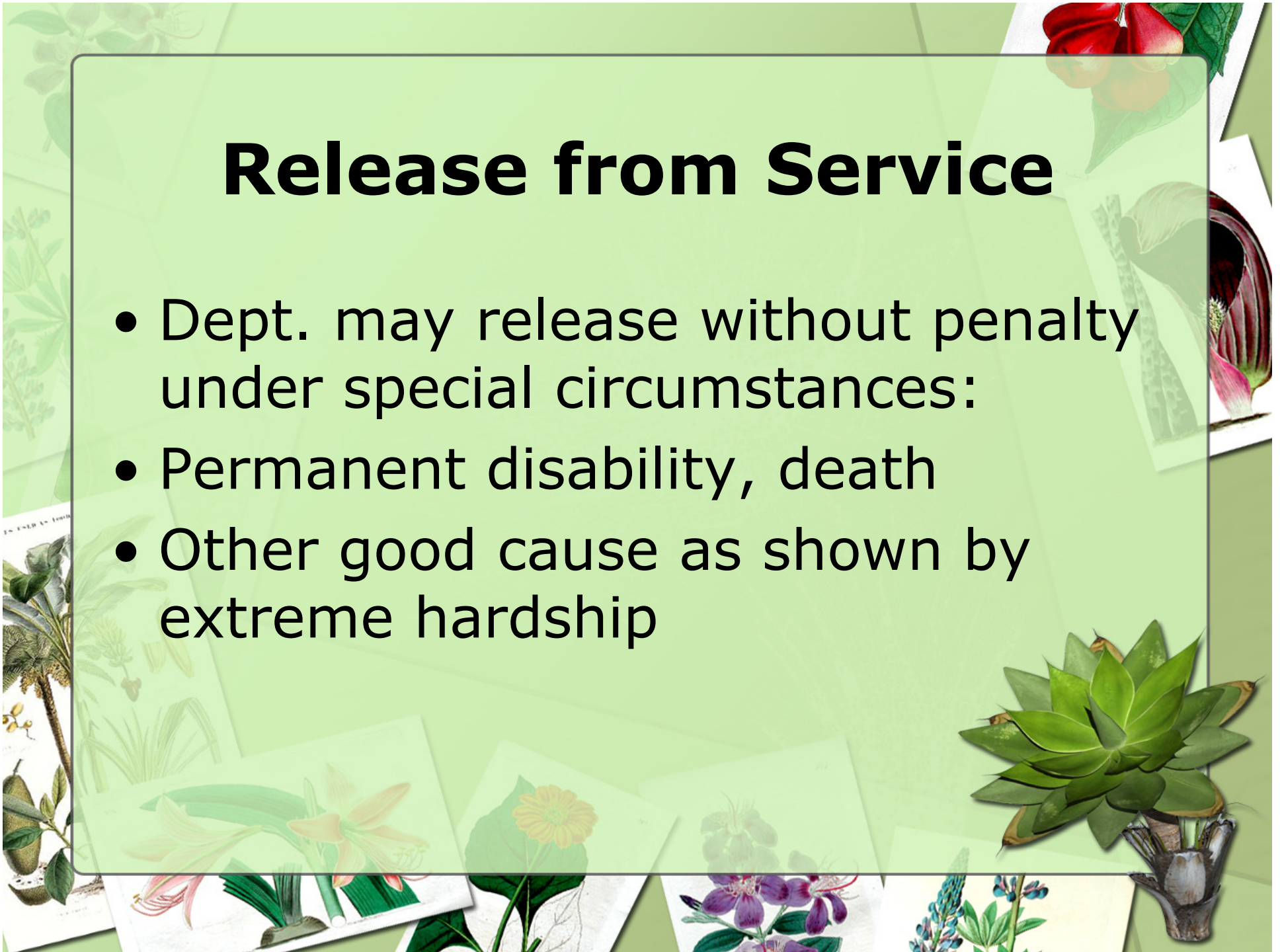
Breach of Contract

- Repayment of all grant funds received
- Any collection costs and attorneys fees



Release from Service

- Dept. may release without penalty under special circumstances:
- Permanent disability, death
- Other good cause as shown by extreme hardship





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